have been advised to achieve a CD ratio of 60% in respect of their rural and semi urban branches on an all India basis. Also there has been, among others, regular discussion on CD ratio in the SLBC and other meetings under the lead bank schemes such as, BLBC meetings and DLRC meetings to improve the CD ratio in the State as a whole.

Seizure of hotel property in Nasik

4705. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

whether in November 2002 there was a report that State Bank of India has seized and sealed a hotel property in Nasik to recover its NPAs, if so, what are the details thereof;

whether Government are considering the same yardstick to retrieve huge NPAs;

what is the current NPAs scenario; and

the plans chalked out by Government to retrieve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VTTHOBA ADSUL): (a) Yes Sir, State Bank of India had seized a hotel property, on 9-11-2002, in the name of M/s Soni Tourism Pvt. Ltd. located at Nasik against the loan amount of Rs. 11.75 crores including interest. In response to Writ filed by the Company in High Court, possession was restored to company on the condition that the Company makes a down payment of Rs. 20 lacs to the Bank and balance amount by instalments of Rs. 5 lacs each month.

(b) and (d) Enactment of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforecement of Security Interest Act, 2002 has enabled/empowered the banks to realise their dues, by enforcement of securities in cases of default.

To cover all NPAs irrespective of the nature of business, other various steps like the implementation of recovery policy by banks, filing of suits with civil courts, filing cases with Debts Recovery Tribunals, compromise settlement through Settlement Advisory Committees, Lok Adalats and monitoring and follow-up of NPAs at various level are being taken.

(c) Scheduled commercial banks are having Gross NPAs of Rs. 70904 crores and Net NPAs of Rs. 35546 crores for the year ending March, 2002.